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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 4095

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SUBJ: MOROCCAN MILITARY REINFORCEMENT OF MAURITANIA

REF: RABAT 4026, RABAT 3974 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI JULY 22 VOLUNTEERED FURTHER BACKGROUND ON MOROCCAN REINFORCEMENT OF MAURITANIAN GARRISON IN ZOUERATE. HE SAID DECISION TO AIRLIFT MOROCCAN TROOPS WAS TAKEN DURING MEETING EVENING OF JULY 17 BETWEEN KING HASSAN AND MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER OULD MOUKNASS, AFTER LATTER HAD SIGNED DOCUMENT REQUESTING THE CONTINGENT. AT 7:00 A.M. NEXT DAY THE AIRLIFT HAD ALREADY BEGUN.

2. LARAKI ELABORATED THAT THE MOROCCAN CONTINGENT HAD BEEN ON ALERT TO PROCEED AT SHORT NOTICE, NOT NECESSARILY TO ZOUERATE BUT WHEREVER REQUIRED, AND THEREFORE HAD BEEN ABLE TO TAKE OFF
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FOR ZOUERATE ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. IN WAKE OF LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT, MOROCCANS HAD UNEASY FEELING THAT ALGERIAN FRUSTRATION WAS AT ALL TIME HIGH, AND THAT THEIR MAJOR OBJECTIVE BETWEEN NOW AND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE TO MOUNT MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON MAURITANIA WITH AIM OF OVERTHROWING OULD DADDAH REGIME. GOM WAS CONCERNED OVER POTENTIAL ALGERIAN IRRATIONALITY AND DID NOT DISCOUNT A STRIKE BY ALGERIAN PARATROOPS AGAINST NOUAKCHOTT

ITSELF.

3. LARAKI ALSO NOTED THAT HIGH LEVEL MAURITANIAN DELEGATION EXPECTED IN RABAT ON JULY 25 TO ATTEND SECOND SESSION OF JOINT DEFENSE COMMITTEE, FOLLOWING UP ON OULD DADDAH'S AND PRIME MINISTER OSMAN'S FIRST SESSION IN NOUAKCHOTT ON JUNE 19 (RABAT 3367). THE MAURITANIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY AHMED OULD MOHAMED SALEH, MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL SOVEREIGNTY, ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE AND HELD ONE-DAY MEETING WITH KING HASSAN CHAIRING GOM SIDE. SUBSEQUENT JOINT COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT TECHNICAL COMMITTEES STIPULATED BY MAY 13 DEFENSE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN FORMED TO REINFORCE COORDINATION IN ALL FIELDS BETWEEN MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN ARMED FORCES. THE TWO SIDES ALSO "CONGRATULATED THEMSELVES" ON EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURES TAKEN SINCE SIGNATURE OF DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND REAFFIRMED THEIR "UNSHAKEABLE DETERMINATION" TO DEFEND AGAINST ANY AGGRESSION. ANDERSON

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